

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1856

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the use of neonicotinoids in National Wildlife Refuges, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 13, 2019

Mr. HEINRICH introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protect Our Refuges  
5 Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NEONICOTINOIDS IN**  
7 **NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The National Wildlife Refuge  
9 System Administration Act of 1966 is amended—

1           (1) by redesignating section 5 (16 U.S.C.  
2           668ee) as section 2, and moving that section so as  
3           to appear in numerical order; and

4           (2) by inserting after section 4 (16 U.S.C.  
5           668dd) the following:

6           **“SEC. 5. PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF NEONICOTINOIDS.**

7           “No person may use a neonicotinoid in the System.”.

8           (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT.—The National Wild-  
9           life Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 is amend-  
10          ed by inserting before section 2 (as redesignated by sub-  
11          section (a)(1)) the following:

12          **“SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

13          “‘This Act may be cited as the ‘National Wildlife Ref-  
14          uge System Administration Act of 1966’.”.

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